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1. A chummer comprising:

a housing having an inlet port, an outlet port, and an opening for receiving bait;

5 a motor attached to the housing, the motor having a shaft axially extending through the housing;

a first cutting blade attached to the housing;

an impeller blade attached to the shaft; and

wherein the housing is placed into the water so that the
10 inlet port and the outlet port are beneath the water line, the bait is placed into the opening, and the motor is activated and rotates the shaft such that bait falls through the housing and is cut up by the first cutting blade and the impeller blade draws water through the inlet port into the housing wherein the water
15 is mixed with the cut up bait and the mixed water and cut up bait are expelled through the outlet port.

2. The chummer as in claim 1 wherein the motor is an electric motor.

3. The chummer as in claim 1 wherein the motor is reversible
20 such that the rotation of the shaft is reversible.

4. The chummer as in claim 1 further comprising a second blade attached to the shaft between the first cutting blade and the impeller blade.

5. The chummer as in claim 4 wherein the distance between the
25 first cutting blade and the second cutting blade is changeable.

6. The chummer as in claim 4 further comprising a spacer disposed between the first cutting blade and the second cutting blade.

7. The chummer as in claim 1 further comprising a mounting bracket attached to the housing.

8. The chummer as in claim 7 wherein the mounting bracket is pivotally attached to the housing.

9. A chummer comprising:

a housing having a top cap, a bottom cap, an inlet port, an outlet port, and an opening for receiving bait;

a motor attached to the top cap of the housing, the motor having a shaft axially extending through the housing;

a first cutting blade attached to the housing;

an impeller blade attached to the shaft; and

15 wherein the housing is placed into the water so that the inlet port and the outlet port are beneath the water line, the bait is placed into the opening, and the motor is activated and rotates the shaft such that bait falls through the housing and is cut up by the first cutting blade and the impeller blade draws 20 water through the inlet port into the housing wherein the water is mixed with the cut up bait and the mixed water and cut up bait are expelled through the outlet port.

10. The chummer as in claim 9 wherein the motor is an electric motor.

11. The chummer as in claim 9 wherein the motor is reversible such that the rotation of the shaft is reversible.
12. The chummer as in claim 9 further comprising a second blade attached to the shaft between the first cutting blade and the 5 impeller blade.
13. The chummer as in claim 12 wherein the distance between the first cutting blade and the second cutting blade is changeable.
14. The chummer as in claim 12 further comprising a spacer disposed between the first cutting blade and the second cutting 10 blade.
15. The chummer as in claim 9 further comprising a mounting bracket attached to the housing.
16. The chummer as in claim 15 wherein the mounting bracket is pivotally attached to the housing.
- 15 17. The chummer as in claim 9 wherein an end of the shaft is received within a bearing assembly attached to the bottom cap.
18. The chummer as in claim 9 wherein the bottom cap is removably attached to the housing.
19. A chummer comprising a housing that receives bait, the 20 housing being partially submerged in water and wherein the bait passes through the housing wherein the bait is chopped up and wherein water is drawn into the housing, the water is mixed with the chopped up bait, and the mixed water and the chopped up bait are expelled from the housing.

20 The chummer in claim 19 wherein the bait is chopped by a cutting blade that is operatively connected to a motor via a shaft.

21. The chummer as in claim 20 wherein the water is drawn into 5 the housing and subsequently expelled from the housing by an impeller blade attached to the shaft.

22. The chummer as in claim 20 wherein the motor is reversible such that the rotation of the shaft is reversible.

23. The chummer as in claim 19 wherein the water is drawn into 10 the housing and subsequently expelled from the housing by an impeller blade operatively connected to a motor via a shaft.

24. The chummer as in claim 23 wherein the motor is reversible such that the rotation of the shaft is reversible.

25. The chummer as in claim 19 further comprising a mounting 15 bracket attached to the housing.

26. The chummer as in claim 25 wherein the mounting bracket is pivotally attached to the housing.